

## **From the Ground Up, Montana Women & Agriculture Train the Trainer--Oral History Seminar**

**June 5, Shelby Lutheran Church Meeting Room 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**June 28, Helena Montana Historical Society Conference Room 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**6 OPI Renewal Licensing Credits Available for Educators**

**9:00 to 9:15 a.m. Welcome & Introductions-- Linda Brander & Conservation District Administrator**

**9:15 to 10:30 a.m. Oral History in the Classroom--Rich Aarstad, Montana Historical Society**

Oral history is the art of capturing the perceptions of past events as experienced by individuals who witnessed or were directly involved. Oral history is the democratization of history as it adds voice to those who would not typically make into the standard history texts. This workshop is designed to engage educators who are interested in introducing their students to the power of the spoken word. Over the course of the oral history seminar, educators will learn how to engage students in the preparation of conducting an oral history focusing on the "Five Rs:" Research so they have a basic understanding of the topic and individual they will be interviewing; Rapport to establish a working relationship with the individual being interviewed so that they trust the interviewer and are willing to share their story/stories; Restraint is the art of knowing that the interview is about the narrator; Retreat is understanding when the interview is a wrap; Review is ensuring that all the steps and procedures are covered so that the interview will be properly conducted and the master copy legally owned by the proper repository.

**10:30 to 10:45 a.m. Break**

**10:45 a.m. 11:45 p.m. Oral History in the Classroom (continued)**

**11:45 a.m. 12:30 p.m. Onsite lunch**

**12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Oral History in the Classroom concludes**

**1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Preparing the Oral Histories for the Montana Memory Project Website Katie Beall, Montana State Library**

"The Montana Memory Project (MMP) will enable students and educators to work in collaboration with their local libraries to preserve and share valuable oral histories. The workshop will teach MMP contributors how to ensure the highest quality of preservation for their work and the necessary steps to uploading oral histories into the MMP.

The workshop will begin with a description of the Montana Memory Project. Potential MMP contributors will learn how to correctly plan for their project's submission to the MMP. A discussion of recording guidelines will ensure that through adherence to format, technology, metadata, and transcript requirements, the oral histories will be consistently and professionally preserved and shared. Finally, a brief introduction into uploading to the Project Client program and long-term preservation through Digital Archives will explain the final steps to contributing to the MMP."

**3:30 to 4:00 p.m.—Making it All Work**